GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

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ASSISTANCE FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES FOR RURAL ELECTRIFICATION
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to seek financial assistance from USA and Japan for the electrification of rural areas in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of States wherein the said assistance is likely to be utilized?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (c) : Yes, Sir. A loan agreement has been signed on 31.03.2006 by Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) with Japan Bank of International Corporation (JBIC) for Rs.835 crore under the ODA package for Rural Electricity Distribution Backbone Project (REDB) envisaging erection of 785 No. of new 33/11 kV substations and 510 No. of augmentation of substations in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.